Petsalios, Dr.

(Athens, Greece (?)), 1923-1924

July 3rd, 1923

Dear Dr. Petsalis:

Last Tuesday I reached New York after a very comfortable voyage, and I wish you could have overheard Mr. Newell when I showed him the casts of certain of your Alexander pieces. I am having a photograph made of some of them for your information. One of the pieces, however, which may seem not very impressive to you, has for Mr. Newell the very greatest importance because it is the connecting link for two series.

Will you permit me to make a suggestion, which I hope will not offend you - could you bring yourself to think of parting with this piece? I should be very glad to offer double of what you may have paid for it, as I should like to give it to Mr. Newell. I am making this suggestion without his knowledge and will, of course, understand perfectly if you do not wish to part with it, but knowing your enthusiasm and sympathy for Mr. Newell's work, I am hoping that my suggestion will receive your favorable consideration.

I think back very often to the happy afternoons I spent with you and Mrs. Petsalis this past winter. It was a great privilege to have been numbered among your circle of friends. Please say that I have sent most cordial greetings to your wife, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

SPM/E

June 27, 1924

Dear Dr. Petsalis:

One of our members is preparing a monograph on the coinage of Aegina, and we are having difficulty in sorking examples of the bronze issues of this city. When I was talking with Mr. Newell about the matter a few days ago, he suggested that per haps you would be willing to have casts made of certain rare bronze issues as were in your collection. Would this involve too much difficulty? It would not be necessary to include the specimens illustrated in the B.M.Catalogue, but we are particularly anxious to illustrate the late Imperial issues.

If you have any difficulty in making the casts yourself, I feel sure that M. Oikonomis, of the National Numismatic Museum, would be able to help you. Nothing would give me greater pleasere than to be able to call in person and take these impressions myself. My remembrance of the courtesy shown me by you and by Madame Petsalis is still very strong.

Will you please convey my cordial greetings to Madame Petsalis and accept the same on your own behalf.

Very truly yours,

Secretary